# ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMISSIONERS of EDUCATION in *Ireland*, for the Year 1867–68.

## TO HIS EXCELLENCY JAMES, MARQUIS OF ABERCORN, K.G., LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL-GOVERNOR OF IRELAND, &c. &c. &c.

WE, "the Commissioners of Education in Ireland," constituted by Acts of Parliament passed in the reigns of their late Majesties King George the Third and King George the Fourth, and in obedience thereto, respectfully submit to your Excellency a General Report of their Proceedings since that of last year.

In reference, generally, to the Endowed Schools under our supervision and control, we have to state that no material change or circumstance such as calls for special notice to your Excellency has occurred during the past year: the various Schoolhouses and Premises (in all cases where funds for such purposes are under our control) have been maintained in a suitable condition by such outlays as were reported to us to be necessary for that purpose; and on the Dungannon foundation we beg to state, that we have been enabled since our last Report to repay to the Master another instalment of the large amount heretofore advanced by him for very extensive improvements and additions to the Schoolhouse, according to Plans and Estimates submitted to, and sanctioned by us; but for the carrying out of which the funds to the credit of that Endowment were, at the time, wholly insufficient.

The different Estates which form the respective Endowments of the Royal and other Schools have received from us such consideration as the Reports and suggestions made to us by the different Agents seemed to require. And we beg to report that the estates, generally, are in a satisfactory condition, the rents fairly paid, and the tenantry peaceable and well-conducted.

The Report made by the Examiner for the School Prizes annually given by us at Raphoe Royal School, which is placed in a remote district, and enjoys but a very small endowment, represents the answering of the Candidates to have been excellent in its character, and such as reflects great credit on the Master of that School.

The Mastership of Banagher Royal School being still vacant, and the School in abeyance, we have only to report that the Caretaker placed there by us remains in charge of the School premises until your Excellency shall appoint a new Master.



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Amongst the Schools of Private Endowment, that of Midleton, in the county Cork, stands now very high in public estimation; and a report recently transmitted to us by the local Governors of that institution states that the establishment is in a most satisfactory condition under the care of its present Head Master, who had formerly held one of the Exhibitions founded by this Board.

The case of the Royal Scholarships in Trinity College, and connected with such Royal Schools as have sufficient funds for their support, has been referred to in so many of our preceding Reports, that we think it sufficient now to state to your Excellency that these Exhibitions which are of different annual values, can only be obtained as the result of competitive Examinations held by a Special Court of Examiners in an extensive course, specially selected and from time to time varied by us, and which embraces certain Greek and Latin Classics, some of which had been, and others of which had not been, previously studied; Greek and Latin Composition; French; Geography; English Literature and its History; Geometry, Algebra, Arithmetic; and History, Ancient and Modern. That these Exhibitions, which are tenable for five years, become forfeited in case the holder shall not, during each year of his tenure, obtain such a number of qualifying University distinctions as we have prescribed in our rules. And that it is our custom at the close of each year, as far as our means permit it, to increase the stipend of such Exhibitioners as shall have previously evinced distinguished merit; thus ensuring and rewarding continuous exertion on the part of those who, in the first instance, had won their Exhibitions as the fruits of competitive Examination. A copy of the most recent regulations issued by us on the above subject, is attached to this our Report. And we beg to submit to your Excellency a list of the names of the present Exhibitioners, the amounts annually payable to each, and the Schools at which they were respectively educated.

Armagh Royal School:

| | £. | | £. |
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| H. Tracy | 50 per annum. | W. B. Lindesay | 35 per annum. |
| E. P. Riddall | 50 „ | A. L. Wade | 10 „ |
| J. Stanley | 30 „ | J. G. Silcock | 25 „ |
| W. W. Orr | 25 „ | C. Reeves | 25 „ |

Dungannon Royal School:

| | £. | | £. |
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| W. Erskine | 50 per annum. | G. N. Oulton | 50 per annum. |
| T. H. Crossley | 50 „ | E. Bell | 30 „ |
| R. M'Kell | 40 „ | D. F. Kelly | 50 „ |
| S. Woodhouse | 50 „ | W. J. Ewing | 30 „ |
| R. Ringwood | 50 „ | | |

Enniskillen Royal School:

| | £. | | £. |
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| J. G. Gibson | 50 per annum. | T. Gordon | 30 per annum. |
| G. Wright | 45 „ | F. B. Dickson | 50 „ |
| H. Norman | 50 „ | W. Gunning | 40 „ |
| G. Hetherington | 45 „ | S. Haughton | 30 „ |
| M. H. Little | 50 „ | | |

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The unsatisfactory condition of the Diocesan Schools generally, and state of the law on the subject of the Diocesan Schools, having been so frequently brought under the notice of the Government, we beg to say that we have little to add to what has been stated in former reports, except the fact that a few of these schools are now in a much more thriving condition than heretofore.

All which we beg most respectfully to submit to your Excellency as our Report.

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| (signed) | JAMES WHITESIDE. | (L.S.) |
| | H. LLOYD, Provost, T.C.D. | (L.S.) |
| | ROBERT SHAW, Bart. | (L.S.) |
| | WILLIAM BROOKE. | (L.S.) |
| | J. D. FITZGERALD. | (L.S.) |
| | LOWRY E. BERKELEY. | (L.S.) |

*Wm. Cotter Kyle*, LL.D., M.R.I.A.,
Secretary.

8, Clare-street, Dublin, 8 June 1868.

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## REGULATIONS of "The Commissioners of Education in Ireland," as to the Royal Scholars.—1868.

"The Commissioners of Education in Ireland" have founded 30 Exhibitions, called "Royal Scholarships," for students who shall enter Trinity College from the Royal Schools of Armagh, Dungannon, Enniskillen, or Cavan, viz., five scholarships of 50*l.* per annum each for Armagh School; and five of 50*l.* per annum, and five of 30*l.* per annum for each of the Schools of Dungannon and Enniskillen; and five of 25*l.* per annum for Cavan School.

The scholarships can be obtained by such students only as have been at least three years in all, previously to their entrance into Trinity College, pupils in some one or other of the Royal Schools. It is not, however, hereby intended to prevent pupils from moving from one of them to another; but the scholarships founded for the respective Schools of Armagh, Dungannon, Enniskillen, and Cavan, can be obtained only by students who have entered the University from the schools for which such scholarships have been founded.

The scholarships to be tenable for five years from the time of their being obtained, subject to certain conditions hereafter mentioned.

The Provost and Senior Fellows have signified their willingness to appoint Examiners in each year, to examine, on the first convenient day after the second entrance in the month of October, such students as shall have entered from the said four Royal Schools, and shall offer themselves as candidates for these scholarships.

In 1868 the examination will be in the course prescribed for entrance into T.C.D. (omitting Virgil's Æneid, Xenophon, and Lucian); in the Sixth Book of Herodotus, and in passages taken from such Greek and Latin authors as are not part of the T.C.D entrance course.

In translating French into English.

In Modern Geography.

In such a knowledge of English literature, and the history of English literature, as may be derived from the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Books of Milton's "Paradise Lost," Johnson's Lives of Milton, Dryden, Addison, Swift, and Pope, and two of Shakspeare's Plays, viz., "King Henry V.," and "The Tempest."

In History—

Ancient.—Genesis—Exodus, ch. i.-xx. incl.—the historical part of Numbers—the Book of Joshua—I. Sam.—II. Sam.—I. & II. Kings—and Smith's Sacred History, first twenty-four chapters, excluding the appendices.
Grecian.—William Smith's.
Roman.—Liddell's smaller History of Rome.
English.—Student's Hume's History.

In Science—

Euclid—Books I. II. III. VI., excluding all deducibles.
Algebra—to the end of Quadratic Equations, excluding the theory of Equations.
Arithmetic—As in the T.C.D. entrance course.

*Note.*—The course of examination for Royal Scholarships will be, from time to time, varied by the Commissioners.

The examination will be carried on mainly by means of written papers; and in addition to the examination by papers in the various authors, each examiner may, at his discretion, examine the candidate *vivâ voce* in one author.

The examination in History and Geography will be *vivâ voce*.

The proficiency of the candidates in Greek, Latin, and English Composition will be particularly inquired into; and also their knowledge of the rules of Greek and Latin versification, with their skill in making verses in both languages. Especial attention will be paid to the examination in Ancient and Modern History and Geography.

No fellow-commoner can be admitted as a candidate for a Royal Scholarship.

No pensioner shall be admitted as a candidate for a Royal Scholarship who shall not have remained at one of the Royal Schools to which the Scholarships are attached till an October entrance examination in T.C.D. of the same year as the examination for Royal Scholarships, at which he may be a candidate.

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No student who shall have attained 20 years of age shall be permitted to become a candidate for a Royal Scholarship. The age of the candidate must be proved to the satisfaction of the schoolmaster, and certified by him.

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No student shall be elected a Royal Scholar unless he shall have, previously to the examination for Royal Scholarships, produced to the Secretary of the Commissioners a certificate signed by the Master of the Royal School from which he shall have entered T.C.D., certifying that such candidate is duly qualified according to the above-stated rules.

The candidates from each school shall be examined together, and a return made to the Commissioners of their positive merit; and also an arrangement of the candidates according to their answering, without distinction of schools; the Commissioners reserving to themselves the power of suspending or diminishing one or more Scholarships, if sufficient merit has not been shown.

In cases of equality of merit, in all other respects, the poverty of a candidate will be taken into consideration. A student who has once been a candidate cannot be eligible on a subsequent occasion.

Students when appointed to these Scholarships may retain them for five years from the time of their election, provided that, proceeding regularly with their respective classes, they obtain in each year of their undergraduate course one honour of the first rank, or two honours of the second rank. The election itself to one of these scholarships being reckoned as equivalent to one honour of the second rank, obtained in the junior freshman year; an University Moderatorship obtained in the senior sophister year, an University Scholarship, in whatever year obtained, the Berkeley Gold Medal, the Lloyd Exhibition, the Wray Prizes, success in the first Indian Civil Service (competitive) examination, success at the Woolwich entrance examination, will rank as University honours of the first class; obtaining a respondency; success at any of the subsequent Indian Civil Service examinations will rank as an University honour of the second rank.

A Royal Scholarship shall become forfeited by the holder of it incurring any heavy collegiate censure, such as public admonition, or rustication; or when all the examinations of any year have elapsed without his having obtained in that year one honour of the first rank, or two honours of the second rank, or what is stated in the preceding regulations as equivalent to these honours respectively.

The exhibitions become due half-yearly, viz., on the 1st of May and on the 1st of November. Payments will be made in May to such students only as have obtained in the preceding part of that year at least one honour of the second rank. A half-yearly payment, held over in May, will be made in November, provided an honour has been obtained in the meantime; and payment for the entire year will be made in November to such students as had not qualified for the May half-year's payment, and shall have then fulfilled all the requisites for the entire year.

In cases where very distinguished merit has been shown during their undergraduate course by students holding minor scholarships, and where scholarships for the same school remain suspended, or have been forfeited, the Commissioners will, at the close of each year, receive memorials from such distinguished students for an increase of their stipend.

RESOLUTIONS of the Board of Trinity College, Dublin, adopted in compliance with the wishes of "The Commissioners of Education in Ireland."

*Resolved,*—That the scholars appointed from the Royal Schools by "The Commissioners of Education, in Ireland," be permitted to wear velvet caps, and that their names be in the College books, immediately after the names of the University scholars, without, however, altering their degree of seniority amongst their class-fellows.

MIDLETON SCHOOL.

"The Commissioners of Education in Ireland" will grant annually two prizes, one of 30 *l.* and one of 20 *l.*, to such junior freshmen as shall, subject to the rules prescribed for the Royal Schools, have entered Trinity College, Dublin, from Midleton School; and having been examined along with and in the same course as the candidates for the Royal Scholarships, shall be recommended by the examiner as deserving candidates.

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